

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-03421-CJN**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND  
IMMIGRATION SERVICES  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/13/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/13/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number ADCDC-6558641) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons USAO, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Att'y General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, # <u>5</u> Exhibit A, # <u>6</u> Exhibit B, # <u>7</u> Exhibit C, # <u>8</u> Exhibit D, # <u>9</u> Exhibit E)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 11/13/2019)
11/13/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 11/13/2019)
11/14/2019		Case assigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. (zmc) (Entered: 11/14/2019)

11/14/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zmc) (Entered: 11/14/2019)
11/26/2019	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 11/26/2019)
12/06/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/14/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/14/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/19/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES served on 11/18/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 12/06/2019)
12/12/2019	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 12/12/2019)
12/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER. After review of Defendant's <u>6</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Complaint, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED and that Defendant shall respond to the Complaint on or before December 20, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 12, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 12/12/2019)
12/12/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Answer to Complaint due by 12/20/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 12/13/2019)
12/20/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 12/20/2019)
12/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an Answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) appear to be inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before January 20, 2020. The Joint Status Report shall address: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the Parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 20, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 12/20/2019)
12/20/2019		Set/Reset Deadline: The Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before 1/20/2020. (zad) (Entered: 12/20/2019)
01/16/2020	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 01/16/2020)
01/17/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before June 29, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on January 17, 2020. (lccjn1) (Entered: 01/17/2020)
01/17/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/29/2020. (mac) (Entered: 01/17/2020)
04/13/2020	<u>9</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Robert Aaron Caplen on behalf of U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES Substituting for attorney Damon W. Taaffe (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 04/13/2020)
06/29/2020	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES. (Caplen, Robert) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before August 5, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on June 30, 2020. (lccjn1) (Entered: 06/30/2020)

06/30/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/5/2020. (zcal) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
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